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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The shock absorber of claim [[1]] 58 wherein said shock absorber further comprises a sleeve extending between said first and second cylinders, said sleeve sealingly engaging said first and second cylinders so as to define a sleeve cavity therebetween, said sleeve being telescopically displaceable with respect to at least one of said first and second cylinders to allow for relative axial displacement of said first and second cylinders.
8. (Original) The shock absorber of claim 7 wherein said sleeve is provided with a valve means for adjusting gas pressure within said sleeve cavity.
9. (Original) The shock absorber of claim 7 wherein said sleeve is axially displaceable with respect to both of said first and second cylinders.
10. (Currently Amended) The shock absorber of claim 7 wherein a first annular cavity is defined in an overlap region between said first cylinder and said sleeve, opposing axial ends of said first annular cavity being respectively defined by a first seal means fixed to said first cylinder and sealingly engaging said sleeve and a second seal means fixed to said sleeve and sealingly engaging said first cylinder.
11. (Original) The shock absorber of claim 10 wherein said first annular cavity communicates with said first piston chamber, a cross-sectional area of said first annular cavity measured in a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said piston rod being substantially equal to a cross sectional area of said piston rod.
12. (Currently Amended) The shock absorber of claim 10 wherein said first annular cavity is provided with a valve means for adjusting gas pressure therein.